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**Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice
Meeting Minutes**

April 25, 2007

Approved: June 18, 2007

The official business meeting of the Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice was held at the Office of Virginians for High Speed Rail, 5101 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

Committee Members Present

Kevin Appel
Jane Brown, Proxy for Anthony Conyers
Dr. Cindy Cave, Proxy for Dr. Cannaday, Jr.
The Hon. Warner D. (Dave) Chapman
Peter Feddo
Matthew T. Gowin
Lynette Greenfield, Proxy for Barry Green
Eileen Grey
Andrew Jennings
Janet Lung, Proxy for Dr. Reinhard
Dr. Jay W. Malcan
Charles Martin
The Hon. Charles Phelps
Daniel L. Plaugher
The Hon. Michael W. Stewart
Wayne Thomas
Ruby G. Turner

Committee Members Not Present

Benjamin Andrews
The Hon. Robert B. Bell
Monica Estrada
The Hon. Jerrauld Jones
Sophia McEachin
Chief Rodney D. Monroe
The Hon. Linda T. Puller
Robert E. Shepherd, Jr.
Gina E. Wood

Others Present

Kristen Howard, Deputy Director, Crime Commission
Lauren Ernst, Policy Analyst, Crime Commission
Kelvin Mitchell, VSU
Lamond Hyde, VSU

DCJS Staff present

Laureen Hyman
Laurel Marks
Ashaki McNeil

I. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Charles Martin. All present introduced themselves to the group.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Martin asked if there were any comments, additions or deletions to be made to the minutes from the January 31, 2007, meeting of the ACJJ. Mr. Daniel Plaughter made the motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

III. Presentation by the Virginia State Crime Commission

Ms. Kristen Howard, Deputy Director, and Lauren Ernst, Policy Analyst, gave a presentation on the Virginia State Crime Commission.

The Crime Commission is the legislative branch of the General Assembly. Every year, studies are assigned to the Crime Commission, with the primary focus on legal research.

In 2006, HJR 136 directed the Crime Commission to study Virginia's juvenile justice system. This study was discussed within the group.

Committee members suggested that the crime commission talk with juveniles and their families and that when they meet with representatives from education officially, they seek out the student services directors for their input as they deal with the kids subject to disciplinary action more than the School Resource Officers (SROs).

The next scheduled meeting of the Crime Commission is on May 22nd at the General Assembly Building.

IV. Review of Draft Bylaws

A draft copy of the Advisory Committee bylaws were distributed for review. Members raised several questions or issues to guide the next draft of the by-laws:

1. The bylaws must be gender-neutral;
2. The question of whether it is permissible, absent Code direction, for legislative members to designate a proxy;
3. The wording of how the Chair announces that a quorum is present; and
4. The process for the Chair to address a members repeated absence.

V. Grants Subcommittee Report, Title II, Title V and Continuation Grants

The Grants Subcommittee met this morning to review 19 applications. Mr. Wayne Thomas, Chair of the Grants Subcommittee, made a motion to approve 8 applications (Albemarle, Campbell, Danville, Hanover, Rappahannock, Richmond, Roanoke, and Grayson County). The motion was seconded and approved with one abstention: Mr. Dave Chapman for Albemarle.

The Grants Subcommittee made a motion to accept all 16 continuation grants (Fairfax, Wise County, Albemarle, Lee, Montgomery, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg City, Tazewell, Roanoke County, Shenandoah County, Bristol City, Charlottesville, Newport News, and the Appalachian Juvenile Commission). The motion was seconded and approved with one abstention – Mr. Chapman for Albemarle/Charlottesville grants.

It was explained that this year there were not enough funds available to approve all applications.

A motion was made by the Grants Subcommittee to approve two DCJS applications submitted for JABG funding consideration (Dr. Ed Latessa, and the W. Haywood Burns Institute). The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made to approve a new grant application for the Department of Correctional Education (DCE) but that it be funded with JABG funds to free up Title II funds for more local programs. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

V. Report of CJJ Meeting from Minneapolis

Mr. Martin updated the Advisory Committee regarding the recent CJJ meeting in Minneapolis. The committee was asked to consider the four core principles designated by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Coalition, and determine whether it would go on record in support of the principles and the accompanying text. Please see the attached document for those principles.

Mr. Martin explained that he anticipated being asked at the June CJJ meeting to vote on supporting the principles. Thus far, the Board of Directors voted at their March meeting to support the core principles but not the explanatory statements.

After much discussion, Ms. Grey made a motion to support the principles but not the bullet definitions. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

VI. Reauthorization committee

The possibility of forming a reauthorization subcommittee was discussed. The rationale behind this is that with the possibility of being asked to have quick responses with upcoming reauthorization of the JJDP Act, it would be useful to establish a mechanism whereby the ACJJ can have a voice. Much discussion ensued and different possibilities were discussed.

Mr. Plaugher made the motion that the Committee Chair be provided the latitude and authority to make quick decisions on behalf of this committee. The motion was seconded and approved with one against – Jay Malcan. It was understood this unilateral authority to speak on behalf of the committee would be for reauthorization only.

VII. Compliance Monitoring Report

A Compliance Monitoring Report was handed out to the ACJJ.

VIII. DMC Conference

Dr. Jay Malcan discussed the conference that was held on March 27-28, 2007, in partnership with DCJS and the Virginia State University. Feedback was received that this should be an annual event.

IX. JJDP Conference

The conference will take place on June 19-20, 2007. The next full ACJJ meeting will begin at 3pm on Monday, June 18th and will end at approximately 8:00p.m.

X. Blueprints Conference

Last year we had DMC and Mental Health Issues in Juvenile Detention Centers. This year we will have a session addressing the Sight and Sound requirements for juvenile justice. A number of ACJJ members have received invitations to attend.

XI. ACJJ Member Activities

Ms. Jane Brown announced the Reentry Conference "Coming Home", in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Ms. Grey met with Senator Webb's staff and provided a copy of the DMC Blueprints publication from last year. She remarked that she may be meeting with Congressman Jim Moran's staff in the future as well.

Ms. Janet Lung reported that beginning with a grant provided to DMHRSAS, they were asked to provide mental health services to five juvenile detention centers. Since then, the General Assembly has placed general funds in the budget to praise mental health services through local CSB's to 23 out of 25 detention centers.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.